

Old Letter addressed to Joe Chaney Bays

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

Liverpool, England,

My Dear Little Zoe:

I shall finish my work here tomorrow, I hope; and will then go to Glasgow Scotland to take the Steamer Ethiopia, of the Anchor Line, for New York, Thursday next. Sept. 1st.

It takes 9 days to reach New York by this steamer so that it will be Saturday-week before I can see the United States again.

It has been raining today and is chilly and uncomfortable. It rains a great deal in England - One must be provided with an umbrella all the time.

I have been around a good deal and have seen much.

I have been to Chester, the walled city of old Roman times,
out to Hawarden Castle, the home of Mr. Gladstone.

To London - visited a session of Parliament, Buckingham
Palace, official residence of Queen Victoria in London, also
Windsor Castle, her house in the country. I was out
there on your birthday - the 19th - and got you a
silver thimble for a birth-day present. I haven't
gotten brother anything but a pair of suspenders yet.

I got mamma a silver thimble also. Got Grandpa
a cane on the battle-field of Waterloo. I must get
Grandpa Chauncy something - and the two grandmas must
have something or they will cry, I know.

I went to Holland, to Belgium and to France, - the cities
of the Hague, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Rotterdam, Brussels
and Paris. Saw castles, towers, museums, Palaces, art-
galleries, Parks, Public buildings, Cathedrals, Abbeys
Columns, Arches, Statuary and what-not - was
on the Rhine, the Seine and the Thames.

In crossing the English Channel I was very
sick, and I suspect I will need much sympathy
on the voyage home for we are likely to have some
rough sea. We shall ^{see} ice-bergs, also, and it will
be cold. I have kept a diary of my daily sightings
and can tell you all abouts when I get home.

I have written Mamma
four letters, and Bertrille
one, only, because he would
read Mamma's.

I will write a letter to Mamma
this evening and not write
any more to anyone as there
will be no mails after that
home before I start.

The City of New York, com-
panion ship to the City of Paris,
sails for New York from here
Wednesday at 12 o'clock and
will take this letter.

I received Silvio's letter
in which he told me that you
had staid at his house while
Grandma and Grandpa went to
Atchison to bring home uncle
Frank.

I hope you are well
and having a nice time.

I am very anxious to see you
and all the rest.

Adieu and Good bye Papa

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The date 1892***** **

This letter was written by John C. Chaney to his daughter Zoe' then about seven years of age. The family was living in Washington, D.C. and Mr. Chaney was the first Assistant to the Attorney General and had been sent abroad on some Department of Justice business.

Mr. Chaney was returning on the Steamer, Ethiopia, of the Anchor Line. -

It was before the time of radio, or any means of communication with ships at sea. The vessel ordinarily took seven days for the crossing. At the end of the seven days nothing was heard of the Ethiopia and Mrs. Chaney and her son, Dirrelle, went to New York and haunted the office of the steamship line. - The boat finally arrived after 23 days. The propeller shaft had broken and the ship had drifted for many days until repairs had been made so that the vessel made port under its own power.

This, of course, made headlines in all the newspapers.

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Date must have been 1889 or

1890 - for I was 4 yrs old when
we moved to Washington D.C. + I

was born in 1885.

Zoe Chaney Bays.